

Minutes

Lancashire Friend

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 25th November 2002, 9.30pm
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees: Jeremy
Jason
Pat
Nick
Ian
Chris
Michael
Chris

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

Les, Sharon, Peter and John.

Summary of Actions

- 1) £9,500 as a result to spend on this project. Our direct benefits from this would be a new computer and consumables. The project is to be a piece of research into the needs of young people within the area, specifically looking at the needs of Gay/Lesbian people and those with sexuality issues. Jeremy is currently involved in a separate forum involving some of the counsellors to decide how this will work and is putting together a project plan. They are also to decide on what is required in terms of a paid worker for this and will put together a description of what is required and how this will be done. Jeremy will report back to the group at the next meeting with an update on this.
- 2) Jason advised all members of the liaison with the London L & G Switchboard to provide a new system to log all our calls and information, The Turing Database. Due to this it was discussed and decided to have a training day on Sunday 26th January for using the new database and handling calls via the switchboard. Jason will provide training on the database and will set up passwords for the users of the system. Jeremy is to find a trainer for the call handling part of the training. The training will be followed by a buffet for all who attend and then the monthly evening out will take place and be moved from the traditional final Thursday of the month.
- 3) Ian suggested we move the monthly evening out to a Friday or weekend night on a permanent basis. This is to be discussed at the next meeting and decided on. He also gave a number of ideas and possible things to do which he will action and bring back to the next meeting.
- 4) There are no updates on the publicity or advertising from Jason. He will action and advise in the next meeting.
- 5) The World Aids day vigil will take place at Blackburn Cathedral on Thursday 4th December at 8pm. Several members of the group will go to represent the group at this service.
- 6) Due to the Christmas and New Year period there will be no meetings of the group in December as usual and the next meetings will be in January.
- 7) Jeremy is to finalise the training day details and will advise Nick in order to send out the meeting invitation early to try and ensure as many members attend the training session as possible.

